

VZCZCXRO6166
OO RUEHCHI RUEHDT RUEHHM RUEHNN
DE RUEHKL #1016 3620751
ZNR UUUUU ZZH
O 280751Z DEC 09
FM AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3627
INFO RUCNASE/ASEAN MEMBER COLLECTIVE PRIORITY
RHHMUNA/CDR USPACOM HONOLULU HI PRIORITY
RHEHNSC/NSC WASHDC PRIORITY
RUEKJCS/SECDEF WASHDC PRIORITY

UNCLAS KUALA LUMPUR 001016

SIPDIS
SENSITIVE

FOR EAP/MTS AND INR

E.O. 12958: N/A
TAGS: [PM](#) [PGOV](#) [MY](#)
SUBJECT: MALAYSIA: UPDATE ON F-5 ENGINE SCANDAL

REF: A. E-MAIL WITH TPS FROM DAN BISCHOF 24 DECEMBER 09
[1](#)B. KUALA LUMPUR 1013 -- MALAYSIAN F-5 ENGINES CASE

(SBU) Office of Defense Cooperation chief Lieutenant Colonel Steve Ma met Brigadier General Azizan bin Shaari, Director of Materiel with Royal Malaysia Air Force (RMAF), on December 28 to convey an official request for a comprehensive report (ref A) and to obtain an update on the status of the missing F-5 engines. BG Azizan, one of our points of contact for foreign military sales, appeared willing to establish a dialogue with us on the F-5 issue and expressed hope that his office would have something to us in writing by January 8, 2010.
KEITH